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SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE: USIB STUDY ON LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR  
COMMUNIST FORCES IN SOUTH VIETNAM

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

To assess the nature and amount of the support being provided to the Communist forces in South Vietnam, including the manner in which supplies are provided both from inside and from outside South Vietnam by land and by water.

QUESTIONS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

I. What logistical support for the Communist military forces in South Vietnam, identified by the following categories, is provided by internal sources and what support is provided from external sources:

- A. Food
- B. Clothing and individual equipment, including medical supplies.
- C. POL and other inflammable fluids.

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D. Construction materials.

E. Weapons, explosives, and ammunition.

II. What are the initial sources of externally provided supplies? Who are the intermediary handlers? Who are the intermediary consignees? In what form are supplies and items packaged and transported? From what locations are items transported immediately prior to crossing the border of South Vietnam?

III. What military supplies, by type and quantity, enter South Vietnam by land and by water from Cambodia? What modes of transportation are employed? What border crossing points are used? To what extent is the Cambodian government involved?

IV. What military supplies, by type and quantity, enter South Vietnam by land infiltration routes from North Vietnam either via Laos or the DMZ? What border crossing points are used?

V. What military supplies, by type and quantity, enter South Vietnam from the Gulf of Siam, the delta of the Mekong River, and the eastern sea coast? What ports of entry are used?

VI. With respect to paragraphs III-V above, what are the reception points for supplies, the storage areas, and the redistribution routes to Viet Cong forces within South Vietnam?

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